

Spencer Town Council Regular Meeting
May 4, 2020 6:00 P.M.
Municipal Building and Via WebEx
90 N. West Street
Spencer, IN 47460

Board Members present: Michael Spinks, Dean Bruce (WebEx) and Jon Stantz.

Also Present: Clerk-Treasurer Cheryl Moke, Chief Richard Foutch, and Attorney Richard Lorenz (WebEx)

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes from April 20th was seconded and passed unanimously.

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC MATTERS

The Clerk-Treasurer reported that a public hearing will be held on Monday, May 25th at 5:45 p.m. for the reestablishment of cumulative funds.

Next, GRW invoice No. 0054786 for WWTP upgrades design in the amount of \$2,850 was presented for approval. Dean Bruce made a motion to approve the invoice, seconded by Jon Stantz. All three members voted in favor of the motion.

The next item on the agenda were for two leak sewer adjustments. The first was a leak, for property located at 9 N Crane, in the amount of \$1,075.86, was requested because the building has been vacant for over a year, and they discovered the leak when they received the water bill. Even though the water went through the sewer system, they requested it based on their many years of timely payments for multiple properties with no requests for adjustments made.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the request for the adjustment. All three members voted in favor of approving.

The second request came from Raymond Beckershoff in the amount of \$108.86. He requested this because his meter had been out of order for the past 6 months, through no fault of his own. He paid the amount he was billed each month, and has an excellent history of paying on time. The water company acknowledged it was their fault and granted him an adjustment, and asked that we do the same.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the request for the adjustment for \$108.86. All three members voted in favor of approving.

Next item on the agenda was a request from ABATE of Indiana for their annual Memorial Day Ride on May 23rd. They plan on meeting at the shelter house on the east side of Cooper Park for registration, using social distancing practices. After registration, they requested a police escort out of town. If there are any issues due to the guidelines, they will notify us with a cancellation.

Jon Stantz made a motion to approve the event request, contingent upon insurance coverage. The motion was seconded, and all three members voted to approve the request.

Next, the Board members discussed various ways the Town could provide some assistance for its residence during the pandemic. They decided the best way to help, is through the Ministerial Group, led by Pastor Alan Lewis. The initial amount of \$15,000 will be donated from the CCD fund.

Dean Bruce made a motion to approve the donation, seconded by Jon Stantz followed by a unanimous vote of 3-1 to pass.

IN THE MATTER OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

No report.

IN THE MATTER OF THE REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Nothing to report.

IN THE MATTER OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

A letter of resignation was from Marty Workman was presented by Chief Foutch. His last day will be May 9th. He also said he had applications from 6 individual to fill that position, and after interviews and background checks, decided on Candidate Joseph Musgrove. His start day will be May 10th, and will begin his 90 day probationary period and 40 hours of basic training.

Chief Foutch also requested that he be allowed to offer the other applicants reserve positions. **Mike Spinks made a motion to approve this request, seconded by Jon Stantz. All three members voted in favor of approving.**

IN THE MATTER OF PLANNING/ZONING AND BUILDING DEPARTMENT

IN THE MATTER OF THE STREET DEPARTMENT

Dean gave a report on the Street Dept.'s maintenance and projects.

IN THE MATTER OF THE SEWER DEPARTMENT

Jon Stantz read a report for the Sewer update.

IN THE MATTER OF THE PARKS DEPT

Dean Bruce reported that the Arbor Day Tree Giveaway has been rescheduled to May 9th, where the trees will be distributed by way of a drive thru process for social distancing. Masks and gloves will be used as well.

IN THE MATTER OF THE FIRE TERRITORY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ATTORNEY

Richard Lorenz gave an update on the proposed public restroom.

IN THE MATTER OF OLD BUSINESS

The Clerk-Treasurer reminded the Board that not only will the settlement be delayed, they funds are likely to be lower due to extension of tax due dates. Also she stated that a COVID 19 line item has been established to track all related expenses due to the pandemic. Lastly, she reported that an audit for 2019 was currently taking place remotely.

IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS

Richard Lorenz reported that he is working on a draft for a lease between Barbara Chambers and the Town of Spencer for the property where the public restroom will be built.

IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS

Claims were presented for acceptance and were approved.

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:14 PM.

/s/ Mike Spinks

Mike Spinks, President

/s/ Jon Stantz

Jon Stantz, Member

/s/ Dean Bruce

Dean Bruce, Vice-President

Attest /s/ Cheryl Moke

Cheryl Moke, Clerk-Treasurer